REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

- 1. Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph The Examiner rejected claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In response, claim 24 has been canceled.
- 2. Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) The Examiner rejected claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the reference of Smith. In response, claim 24 has been canceled.
- 3. Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Claims 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the reference of Smith in view of Harmon. In response, claims 22 and 23 have been canceled.
- 4. Allowable Claims Claims 8 and 9 were deemed allowable by the Examiner. The undersigned acknowledges these allowances, and requests that the Examiner issue a notice of allowance for the present case, forthwith.
- 5. The undersigned, an attorney licensed to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office requests that the examiner find the present application in a condition for allowance, and any questions regarding this response to be directed to the undersigned attorney at (916) 441-2234.

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